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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Ruth C Rodriguez

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-65 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 13-65 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,7-10 and 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/12/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement filed 12 April 2004 has been considered for this Office Action.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to because some of the details are not clearly visible in the drawings due to poor quality of the drawings. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If

the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 3-6 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grand and Trattner (US 1,403,600) in view of Minassin (US 2003/0089128 A1).

Grand and Trattner discloses a jewelry bracelet or necklace comprises a loop (10) and jewelry stones (22). The loop is twisted longitudinally to provide a spiral appearance (Figs. 1 and 2). The loop has a nominal top, bottom and outer sides (Figs. 1-3 and 6). Grand and Trattner fails to disclose that the jewelry stones are mounted at the outer sides so that the jewelry stones twist around the loop along the longitudinal length of the jewelry bracelet or necklace. However, Minassin teaches a jewelry bracelet (10) or necklace comprising a loop (made by links 12) and jewelry stones (30a). The loop has a nominal top, bottom and outer sides (Figs. 1-5). The jewelry stones are mounted at the outer sides so that the jewelry stones twist around the loop along the longitudinal length of the jewelry bracelet or necklace (by means of system

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12,20,30). The jewelry stones can be twist around the pivot 20 so that the color of the stones can remind the user about an event or action to be taken (Paragraph 007).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have jewelry stones mounted at the outer sides so that the jewelry stones can be twist around the loop along the longitudinal length of the jewelry bracelet or necklace in accordance with the teachings of Minassin for the bracelet or necklace disclosed by Grand and Trattner. Doing so, will serve to remind an user about an event or action to be taken.

Minassin teaches that:

- The jewelry stones comprise diamonds (Paragraph 0035).
- The jewelry stones comprise rubies (Paragraph 0035).
- The jewelry stones comprise a combination of different precious stones

(Paragraph 0035).

- The jewelry stones comprise at least one type of non-precious stones

(Paragraph 0005).

Grand and Trattner discloses that the jewelry bracelet or necklace further comprises structure (21) to mount jewelry stones (22) on the top side of the loop which top side twists longitudinally along the jewelry bracelet or necklace (Figs. 1-12).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 13-65 are allowed.

6. Claims 2, 7-10 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Gomez (US 6,220,010 B1) and Lord et al. (US 2003/0111005) are cited to show state of the art with respect to a bracelet or necklace having jewelry stones that can twist or move.

Chia et al. (US 5,682,736) is cited to show state of the art with respect to jewelry pieces being twisted and provided with jewelry stones.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ruth C Rodriguez whose telephone number is (571) 272-7070. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 07:15 - 15:45.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on (571) 272-7075.

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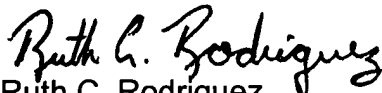
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